

I live in Indiana and have appreciated the dramatic reduction in nuisance telephone calls (from businesses, telemarketers and fundraisers) following my family's participation in Indiana's "Do Not Call" list. We've listed our home and cell phones. Please do not allow the weaker federal Do Not Call Law to supercede our stricter Indiana Do Not Call Law. As it is, we still receive calls from out-of-state and out-of-country representatives of companies with whom we have never had relationships. Those who are so uninformed as to give me a name and a call back number get a call from the Indiana Attorney General's office instead. I do not wish to have members of my family need to answer the phone to deal with people asking for money for causes we do not support, products we do not need, nor for business relationships that we do not wish to expand. If a business believes it has an existing relationship with me or my family, it can communicate with us using the correspondence needed to transact that business (i.e. a bank can include a letter with the statement it would normally send us as part of our established relationship). Given that the FCC is dealing with a national trade association with a well-funded lobby, however, I don't believe the FCC will actually stand up for the rights of consumers. I'm resigned to fact that money talks and that we'll have to teach our 5 and 6 year-old sons (who have just learned how to properly answer the phone) not to say "yes" to a business so that our family does not inadvertently enter into new financial relationships.